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#### Sounds of the Season

Sippican Choral Society Concert

The Sippican Choral Society opens the Christmas season in Southeastern Massachusetts with its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 pm in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel in Marion. As it has in the past, the chorus will also perform several pieces from this concert the following evening at the Sippican Long-Term Health Care Center.

This year, the major piece to be performed by the chorus will be Johann Sebastian Bach's *Magnificat*, with orchestral accompaniment. The chorus has chosen this piece to honor Bach on the 250th anniversary of his death.

Soloists for the *Magnificat* will be Joanne Mouradjian, soprano; Barbara Youmans, alto; Donald St. Jean, tenor; and Gerry Dyck, baritone.

Special Christmas music will follow, including "Night of Silence," an arrangement of "Silent Night" by Daniel Kantor; John Rutter's "Shepard's Pipe Carol," "Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mild," by Johann Walther; "The Boar's Head Carol," arranged by Elizabeth Posten, with Kenneth Almeida as soloist; and "Maoz Tsur," by Jerome Epstein from Harvard's Christmas Revels.

The chorus will also sing "While by My Sheep," arranged by Hugo Jungst; "The Sleigh," arranged by Wallingford Riegger; and William Dawson's "Mary Had a Baby," with chorus member Gina Carter-Brockington as soloist.

As always, the audience will have the chance to sing along with the chorus on several familiar Christmas carols.

The 90-member Sippican Choral Society is under the direction of Peter West, with Corinne Peck as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as works from the musical theater.

Next April, for example, the Sippican Choral Society's Spring Concert will be devoted exclusively to the songs of Irving Berlin. Tickets for the December 3 Christmas concert are \$10 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream & Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, and Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham. Chorus members also have tickets for sale. While the concert is usually sold out, there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of the concert.

Doors to the Wickenden Chapel open at 4:00 pm for the 4:30 pm performance. Handicapped parking and entrance are located to the rear of the chapel.

### Shopping Spree Holiday Shops in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Lions Club proudly presents their second annual "Mattapoisett Holiday Shops" at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett on Saturday and Sunday, November 25-26, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm both days.

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Above: The Marion Garden Discussion Group will hold their annual Holiday Boutique at the Marion Music Hall on Front Street on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be held in conjunction with the Sippican Woman's Club's House Tour on the same day. Pictured here planting paper white bulbs for the sale are (l. to r.) Julie Schworm, President; Andrea Keene; Lee Johns; and Priscilla Wheatley. (Photo courtesy of Pat Petit.)

On the cover: Director Peter West rehearses with members of the Sippican Choral Society this past week in Marion. The ensemble is preparing for a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 3 at 4:30 pm in Tabor Academy's Wickenden Chapel and a special performance on December 4 at the Sippican Long-Term Health Care Center. The major piece to be performed this year is Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat in honor of the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza.)

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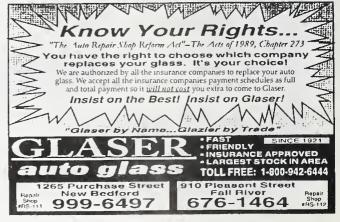
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### Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2000 By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Paul Lambalot. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously approving the minutes of the November 13 meeting, the board signed and approved Alcoholic Beverage License Renewals for 2001 for several





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establishments in town which either sell liquor as part of a restaurant or package store and also signed various vouchers and bills for the week.

At 7:05 pm the board met with Fire Chief Ronald Scott to discuss his plans to upgrade the town's so-called "fire box" alarm systems from an antiquated hard-wired system to a more modern radio-controlled system. Chief Scott said that with the pending renovations to ORR Junior and Senior High Schools and the town's elementary schools, it made sense to take advantage of these projects as a means of upgrading the school buildings' fire alarm systems.

"I'd like to suggest we move to a radio fire alarm system ... with a master box in each building that sends





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out signals which can be read at the police and fire stations," Chief Scott said. "This system will give you a digital or printed readout ... it's a lot simpler and more high-tech than (our current) system. It puts out a test everyday ... and tests the battery so if there's a problem we can go right out and fix it. Right now, we have a wire loop system, so if one system goes down, an entire section of town could be out. We'd like to phase (this new system) over a two- to five-year period."

Chief Scott added that the radio-based system is not unlike the call boxes found along most area highways, and the boxes will contain a selection for either fire, police or ambulance. The town's dispatcher will not only get a signal telling them the location but also what specifically is being requested. Chief Scott also said the radio-based system could be installed along the waterfront and near the beach without fear of corrosion from the salt air.

"Our current system is 1900 technology," Selectman Denham agreed. "A lot of our system has been picked up secondhand."

Chief Scott said it would cost anywhere from \$3,000 to \$5,000 to install a master box radio-based system in each building, but he was hoping to start with the pending school projects and build from there. Selectman Andrews added that it made sense to take advantage of the 65 percent reimbursement rate the town is now receiving from the state and this could be rolled into school project.

With that, the board unanimously voted to





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sanction Chief Scott's looking into an updated radiobased fire alarm system for locations throughout the town. "We appreciate you're looking into this," Chairman Lambalot said.

Chief Scott added that he is looking for two firefighters and four junior firefighters (ages 16 to 18) for the department. Those interested should contact Chief Scott at the Fire Station or the Board of Selectmen's office at Town Hall.

Under meetings scheduled for the week, Ms. Adams noted that the Town Hall would be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Chairman Lambalot then announced that the



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"We're still hoping to make an appointment by our December 4 deadline," Chairman Lambalot said, adding that their goal is to have the new chief in place to work with retiring Chief James Moran through a brief transitional period.

Under the Executive Secretary's report, Ms. Adams noted that Mattapoisett School Committee Chairman Gerry Johnson requested a representative from the Board of Selectmen to serve on the upcoming union negotiating team. Chairman Lambalot said he was willing to serve in this capacity again and his fellow board members were in agreement.

Ms. Adams noted that the Board of Assessors received notification from the state that the town's tax rate of \$14.96 per \$1,000 for Fiscal Year 2001 has been certified and approved and tax bills will be printed and mailed out within the next two weeks. The tax rate represents and estimated 70-cent increase over last year's rate of \$14.26.

Ms. Adams also received a request from Water/

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Under incoming correspondence for the week, the board received:

• Copy of a letter from Board of Health Agent Dale Barrows confirming the Board of Health's authorization that any financial or income possibilities concerning the town landfill should be looked into by the

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Economic Development Study Committee. This was in response to the Board of Selectmen's meeting last week with members of the Economic Development Study Committee.

• A thank you letter from Veterans Day Committee Chairman Jack DeCosta for the town's participation in the recent Veterans Day Services at Old Rochester Regional High School.

• Construction cost estimates from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB, Inc.) Associates for the alternative routing of the proposed multi-use trail (bike path) through Mattapoisett. Selectman Andrews explained that VHB, Inc. was asked to look into an alternative route over the northern boundary line of the golf course and the YMCA property at Shining Tides in Mattapoisett in response to the YMCA's safety concerns with the path running through their property.

"If the boardwalk were built to the state and federal specs ... it's estimated cost would be \$1.425 million," Selectman Andrews said. "It does answer some questions out there ... the alternate route is certainly doable, but expensive. The state has only approved \$880,000 for construction from the Fairhaven town line to the Marion town line."

Selectman Andrews noted they are still discussing and negotiating with the YMCA and hope to come to a mutual agreement on this matter.

• Notification from Geordie Vining of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Old Hammondtown School to discuss restoration efforts and management planning for the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation in Mattapoisett. Ms. Adams noted the meeting was scheduled for the same night as the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and this may preclude members of the Board of Selectmen



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from attending.

"I told (Mr. Vining) I was concerned that the board members might not be able to attend ... he agreed to meet with the board on the following Monday, December 11 to discuss any issues which are raised (on December 6)," Ms. Adams said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:36 pm.

### Marion Selectmen's Meeting

November 21, 2000

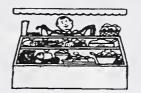
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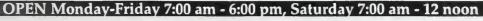
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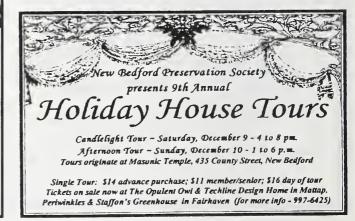
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Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm by returning Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Secretary Helene Craver. Town Administrator Ray Pickles was not present for the meeting.

Chairman Winters began the proceedings by announcing his return to regular activities after a recent hip-replacement surgery and he was glad to be back. "I would like to thank everyone here for their cards and wishes ... especially those who sent food, gifts and alcohol," he mused. "I'm thinking of having a second hip replaced just to get more gifts. It's very good to be back ... you do miss this place when you're at home with nothing to do but watch TV."

After signing the various treasury warrants for the week, the board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 14 meeting — with Selectman Winters abstaining — and also approved the Annual Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (ABCC) Certifications for 2001, including liquor licenses for Andrew's; The Caz; the Kittansett Club; The Frigate Steakhouse; P&J Enterprises; the Stone Rooster; the Beverly Yacht Club; the Marion General Store; Spirits; the Marion Country Package Store; and Jimmy's Variety.

At 7:05 pm the board met briefly with Police Chief Lincoln Miller to consider the appointment of a Special Police Officer to the force. Chief Miller introduced the board to Sean McAssey, who is recommending for





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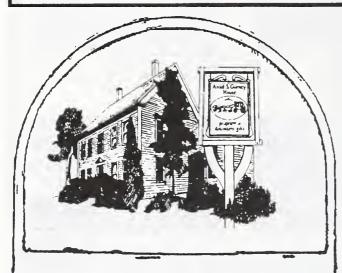
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Mr. McAssey said he has been a businessman in Wareham for over ten years and he considers himself a "people person." When asked how he would handle situations involving people he knows personally, he said he would adhere to the responsibilities of his job: "I'd certainly keep the best interest of the town and the residents at heart."

The board felt comfortable with Chief Miller's recommendation and unanimously voted to appoint Mr. McAssey as a Special Police Officer with the Marion Police Department, effective immediately. "If the chief recommends you ... we put a lot of stock in what he says," Chairman Winters said.

Under incoming correspondence, the board received:

• Request from Ina C. Roehr of Roehr Travel Incorporated for permission to park approximately 20 vehicles at Old Landing for guests who will be boarding a bus to New York on Saturday, December 9. The vehicles are expected to remain there from about 7:00 am to 11:00



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pm. The board unanimously approved the request.

· Letters of interest from both David J. Hirschberg of Cottage Street and James K. Andresen to fill a vacancy on the Marion Planning Board. Chairman Winters noted, for the record, that his wife works for Mr. Hirschberg at his law firm and he would make this fact known at the upcoming joint meeting they will soon have with the Planning Board. Both letters would be forwarded to the Planning Board for consideration.

 Notification from NexTel that they plan to begin construction work on the Town of Marion's water tank on or about March 1, 2001 to install a telecommunications

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Tel.: 758-2460 FAX: 758-3170 tower. Representatives from NexTel will be in contact with the town prior to the beginning of construction.

• Letter from the First Congregational Church of Marion thanking the Board of Selectmen for meeting with representatives on November 14 to discuss their repeated problems with sewage backup in the basement of the Main Street church. The church has decided to seal off the lavatory fixtures which were connected to the Main Street sewer line and this connection will no longer be used since there appears to be no way of preventing further backups.

"A holding-tank-based-system will need to be designed and constructed," the letter stated. "The church will be contacting (DPW Superintendent) Rob Zora to begin defining the system."

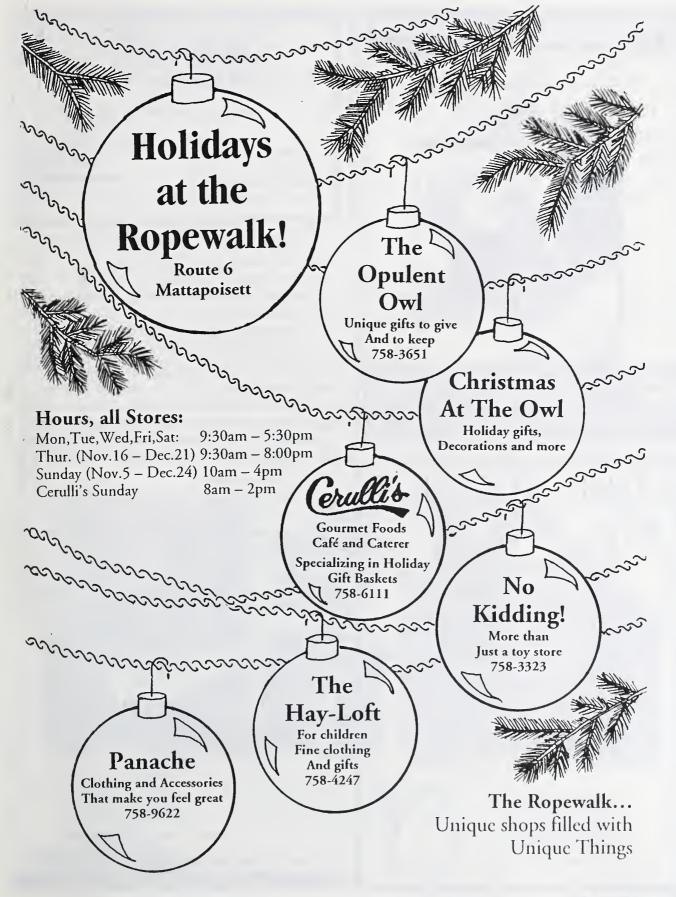
As a member of the congregation and the church's property committee, Chairman Winters echoed the sentiments in the letter. "I think all parties would like to see an end to this ongoing problem," he said.

The board next met with Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Lee Hayes and representatives of the Marion School Committee and ORR District School Committee to discuss Marion's recent receipt of additional Chapter 70 monies. Mr. Hayes explained that part of the state's process for allocating Chapter 70 money requires the approval of the Board of Selectmen, and the board will need to consider how to expend the additional \$43,000 for the ORR District and another \$12,000 for Sippican School.

Marion School Committee Chairman Susan Grosart said they've had to add another bus this year, which was an unforeseen expense and they'd like to use the additional Chapter 70 money to cover the approximate \$13,000 expense for the extra bus.

The ORR District presented a wish list of three areas which could benefit from the additional funding: to





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fund a portion of a district-wide program called "Ed Links"; funding for a driver for the school's School-to-Work Coordinator; and support for the "Nova Net" selfinstructional computer-based system to provide needed software and hardware.

Mr. Hayes noted that with Sippican School's request, it was essentially a "gotta do" item, so he could easily support it. He did note that Marion's practice in the past with funding so-called "new positions" as those suggested by the ORR School District would require the approval of Town Meeting. If funded at this point, he recommended all three items be pulled out and put under "new growth" for next year's operating budget — at a total cost of about \$60,000.

The board agreed, and unanimously voted to approve the additional Chapter 70 expenditure requests for both the Marion School Committee and ORR District School Committee as presented.

At 7:20 pm the board met with members of the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for an update and presentation on the school's programs. They would then go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

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### Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

November 20, 2000 By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectman was called to order on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also in attendance were Selectman Richard Cutler, Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

After the board approved-the minutes of the November 13 meeting, Alan Teufel, Manager of VeriZon New England, Inc., came before the board with two petitions for additional utility pole work; one site on North Avenue and one on Hartley Road.

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Mr. Teufel explained that cable reinforcement was needed on four poles located on North Avenue. Without such cables, the existing poles, which are receiving additional strands for extended service, could topple over.

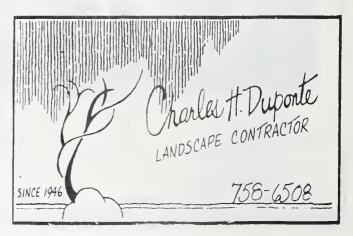
Rochester resident Fred Underhill, who lives on North Avenue, had some questions and concerns about the additional cables that are needed on the existing pole which is located at the front of his property. His concern was that the cables that are needed to reinforce the pole that exists would interfere with his lawn or with his stone wall.

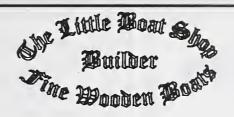
Mr. Teufel understood that this may be an issue, and suggested that Mr. Underhill speak with the engineer who designed this plan. The board therefore put the issue on hold until there was a resolution among the parties.

Next, Mr. Teufel presented a petition to the board that would allow a box to be placed on Hartley Road that would allow facility maintenance and growth to the area. He explained that it would consist of a manhole, aboveground cabinets and a conduit between the existing poles.

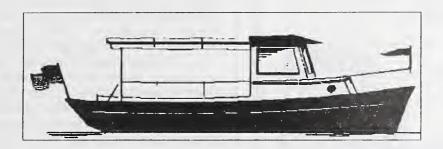
Rochester resident Floyd Taylor objected to such a plan, citing the difficulty of visibility of the street and its oncoming traffic form his property. Such a box would further limit the visibility from his driveway.

President of the Rochester Historical Society
James Gurney was on hand to offer a solution that would
be satisfactory to both parties. He explained that the
Society was against the aforementioned location for the

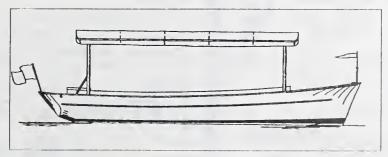


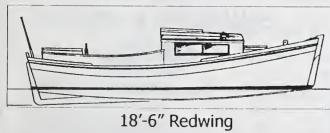


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box because it was a proposed site of a future museum. In addition, he was concerned because the location was "out in the middle of nowhere" and that it "wouldn't blend in with anything."

Mr. Gurney suggested two alternative locations: one piece of private property across the street and another possible local at the Town Barn. Since the property owner of the land across the street has not been approached about the idea, all agreed that the Town Barn would possibly be the most appropriate location.

Mr. Teufel agreed that more discussion needed to take place on the matter and suggested to the board that they place the subject on a warrant for a future Town Meeting, if this is indeed the best location. "I am always in favor of using town property rather than private property," he said. The board put this issue on hold as well, until a decision could be made.

The board signed and approved the following items:

- An invoice from Town Counsels Perry, Hicks, Crotty & Deshaies for the amount of \$5,200.50
- An appointment of Mattapoisett Selectman Barry Denham to act as Interim Veteran's Agent a position shared with Rochester.
- A certification of votes from the recent County Commission election.

Next on the agenda was the Town Administrator's Report which included the following:

- The bids for the Town Hall renovations had all been received, in time for next week's Special Town Meeting.
- Monday was the closing day for the Police Chief applications and ten applications had been received. Selectman Cutler suggested that the board review them and narrow them down before conducting background. checks.

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• The Cell Tower By-Law meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 21.

• The board has incurred a bill of \$6,200 with consultant Phil Hurr for the Planning Board. There is a sum \$15,000 set aside for him, and Mr. Huntoon did not see the need to request more for him, as he is not sure what other projects he may participate in. The board agreed.

• A reminder to Rochester residents that garbage pick-up will be on Saturday this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

The board next discussed the following incoming correspondence for the week:

• A letter was received from Edward Zykowski in regards to the purchase of town land. The letter was to inform the board that there is a buyer for some 20 acres of land located on the corner of Pine Street and Andrew Burke Lane for the cost of \$225,000. The land is under a 61A agricultural classification. This means that the town has 120 days to decide whether or not they want to purchase the land, which is intended to become several

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The Finance Committee (FinCom) was present for the discussion, and after reviewing the facts of the land and the costs, their suggestion is that the town should purchase the land. It is possible that there will need to be a Special Town Meeting in order to purchase it. Chairman Parker suggests notifying the sellers of their intent to purchase the land.

While the FinCom was present they also took the opportunity to discuss the proposed Town Hall renovations, which includes handicap accessibility. FinCom members suggested that the total cost, including all soft costs, will be approximately \$2.5 million, and that figure will appear on the article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on November 27. The board is concerned that if this project doesn't happen soon, it will be several years before it gets completed. Costs will not get lower and the frustration among companies who bid on such projects will make it difficult to proceed.

• A letter from Police Chief William Pryzbylek was received in recognition of outstanding performance by Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien. Selectman Cutler suggested sending a letter to Ms. O'Brien thanking her for her efforts "above and beyond the normal call of duty," and added that the letter should be placed in her personnel file.

• A letter from Veteran's Day Committee Chairman John DeCosta thanking the board for their participation in the 50th Anniversary of the Korean War held on November 11.

• A letter from the Rochester Council on Aging (COA) inviting the board to a program to be held on December 7 at the Rochester Congregational Church at 1:30 pm.

Lastly, the board discussed donations to be distributed to local organizations. The Rodman Ride for

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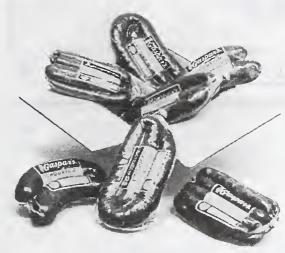
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With no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 8:35 pm.

### Sports Shorts By Kenneth J. Souza

Mattapoisett Basketball

Basketball Registration for fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys and girls from Mattapoisett will be held on December 14 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Old Hammondtown School. For more information, please call John Haley at 758-4587.

Mattapoisett Community Tennis

The Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association will meet at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 27 at the Lonsdale residence in Mattapoisett. The purpose of the meeting is to approve by-laws and discuss the latest plan for the tennis courts at Center School. For further information, call Bob Brown at 758-6258.

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To the Editor:

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The dinner was a great success because of the support we received from the Rochester Memorial School staff: Principal Jay Ryan, Assitant Principal Susan Norton, Art Instructor Joe Pellitier, and the students who made the beautiful centerpieces and placemats, Chris Williamson and the vocal and instrumental

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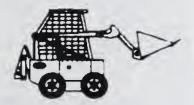
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Bill Chamberlain Rochester Police Brotherhood

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### Mattapoisett Christmas Fair

St. Anthony's Harborside Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2000 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The hall will be decorated in a nautical theme for the 35th anniversary of this holiday fair. It was originally a Harvest Fair in 1965 when Roni King was co-chairman — she is this year's chairman and her enthusiasm has not waned.

There has been considerable work done on this fair and there are many lovely items being created. The Boutique Table promises to offer many new items that will make wonderful gifts and decorations for your home. There will be Christmas balls, angels, wreaths of artificial greens, and Hydrangeas, miniature Christmas trees plus aprons, and tapestry purses. You will want to shop early for the best selection!

St. Anthony's annual Christmas decoration designed by Roni King is a Dove of Peace to commemorate this Jubilee year. Lee Talty has helped paint and decorate the doves which were cut out of wood by Marc Gauvin. The decoration is beautiful and will enhance your own tree.

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There will be a creative knit table with crocheted and knit goods, a bakery table with holiday cakes, pies and cookies, our exciting Christmas Auction table with donations from local businesses and parishioners, and the Main Raffle will feature lovely items plus a \$500 bond.

The luncheon will be served at 12:00 noon and sounds delicious. There will be coffee and malassadas in the morning. So, mark your calendars and plan to attend the Harborside Christmas Fair.

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their most successful academic, extracurricular and
professional development programs. Facilitated by Carol
J. Young, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and
Elizabeth A. Quinn, Superintendent of Schools, the teams
met with superintendents and school committee members
from across the state.

Stephen Helman, Kathleen Gauvin, Steven Kocur, and William Mock shared information on Supporting New Teachers: A Comprehensive Induction Year Program. As a method of acclimating new teachers, the Old Rochester District provides an Induction Year Program in which teachers act as mentors to their new "protegés." With an increasing number of teachers moving from school system to school system, as well as an ever-increasing number of individuals new to the profession, this is an effective way of establishing a sense of family amongst the new teachers and as a result longer, more intimate district-teacher relationships.

As well, the team of Carol Hardy, Holly Ashley, Reggie Carter, and Susan White shared information on The SAIL Program (Summer Adventures in Learning): Improving MCAS Scores Through a Summer Enrichment Model. Through a wide variety of explanatory summer courses, SAIL prepares students for the MCAS by integrating instructional strategies such as open response questioning techniques, journal writing, and problemsolving into the program. Fostering an attractive, "camplike" atmosphere, SAIL distances itself from the traditional classroom model, and helps remediate student achievement deficiencies.

### Machacam Club Meeting

The Machacam Club will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 6 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm. The speaker this month will be biologist Vinny Malkoski of the Division of Marine Fisheries. Vinny is assigned to the sport fishing section

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and will speak on fishing reefs and related subjects.

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#### **Rochester Door Decorating**

The Town of Rochester will once again sponsor a "Door Decorating Contest" for the holiday season. Those interested in participating should call the Town Hall at 763-3871 to enter. The Board of Selectmen will be judging the entrants on Wednesday, December 6 beginning at 5:30 pm, so please have your lights on if you are participating. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

### Tri-Town Early Childhood

On Wednesday, November 29 beginning at 6:00 pm, the Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will meet in the Sippican School Library in Marion to consider a new grant opportunity. Interested community members are invited to attend. Child care is available by preregistration only. Please call 748-1863 to register.

### Mystery Writers in Fairhaven

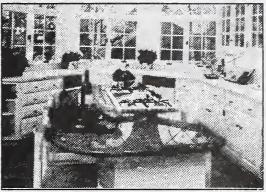
The Millicent Library Book Discussion Group invites the public to a special program, "It's a Mystery to Me," sponsored by the Friends of the Millicent Library. Authors Leslie Meier (Lucy Stone Mysteries) and Sarah Smith (Alexander von Reisden and Perdita Halley Series) are part of the Sisters in Crime Program, a national

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Sarah Smith lives in Brookline and is the author of The Vanished Child, The Knowledge of Water, and A Citizen of the Country. Leslie Meier of Harwich has written many mysteries including The Turkey Day Murder, The Christmas Cookie Murder, and The Mistletoe Murder.

The public is invited to attend the program on Tuesday, December 7 at 10:00 am in the library auditorium, Refreshments will be served. Please use the Walnut Street entrance.

### Reservation Meeting in Mattapoisett

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) is hosting a meeting for any and all interested citizens regarding the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts acquired the property in 1999, and the former owners significantly disturbed a total of about 14 acres along a mile-long corridor, leaving behind a cleared swathe varying from 45-100 feet wide, seven associated detention basins, and large stockpiles of soils and stumps. The property requires some significant restoration and other work to fully establish it as a safe, functional, and aitractive park. DEM established a management planning team last year for the Reservation, contracted a comprehensive ecological inventory, and has drafted specific objectives and



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strategies for the property in keeping with the general stated goals of protecting a diverse range of ecosystems, including five forest types, extensive wetlands, open areas, and coastal habitats, extensive undeveloped coastal frontage and scenic views, and trails for passive recreation and enjoyment of the general public.

DEM would like to share and discuss with local and regional citizens our progress to date, current approach and plans, and the challenges and opportunities regarding the restoration and establishment of the Nasketucket Bay State Reservation. The meeting will be held on: Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Old Hammondtown School, 20 Shaw Street, Mattapoisett. For more information, call Geordie Vining at (617) 973-8784.

### Rochester Library Open House

The Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library will hold a Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 2 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. The event will feature gifts, crafts, and baked goods in the Friends' "Rochester Shop." Plans for the future expansion of the library will also be available for viewing and attendees can become members of the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library, enjoy holiday refreshments, and pick up holiday fund-raiser wreaths and plants (pre-ordered). Get in the holiday spirit and join the Open House at the Plumb Memorial Library. For more



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#### Cans for Bands

A can and bottle drive to benefit the Old Hammondtown School Concert and Jazz Bands in Mattapoisett will be held on Saturday, November 25, December 2, December 9, and December 16 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Old Hammondtown School driveway. Volunteers will be waiting to collect redeemable bottles and cans to benefit the school's bands.

### Mattapoisett Lions Speech Competition

Ashbrook Compton was the winner in the annual speech competition sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club. This years topic, "The American Flag: What it Means to Me," was presented by eight students of Tabor Academy in Marion, coached by Mr. Richard Marr. Ms. Compton's win at the Club level earned her the opportunity to compete at the next highest level, the Zone, which she won by default. Her next challenges will be at the Regional, District and State levels where the final winner will receive a prize of \$1,500.

Lou Cotti was first runner-up and Maxi Hottenrott was second runner-up.

The Mattapoisett Lions Club offer the opportunity to compete in this competition to the tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students at Tabor Academy, Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, and Bishop Stang High School each year.

### Marion Holiday House Tour

The Sippican Woman's Club has chosen "By the Sea" as the theme for its annual Holiday House Tour to be held on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Marion's own Cathy Jones, who created the magnificent Williamsburg display in Handy's Tavern a few years ago, will once again work her magic in the club house.

Cathy, a retired Art Supervisor from the Mansfield Public School System, has a lifelong interest in the world of flowers, trees, and landscaping. She has

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"By the Sea" is especially meaningful to Cathy, as this is how she came to Marion, "by boat," having had a slip at the Burr Brothers' Boat Yard for fifteen years. Join

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The fourteenth Annual Holiday House Tour will take place in Marion village on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Six Marion homes will be decorated in seaside holiday motifs. The House Tour is sponsored by the Sippican Woman's Club. Included in the House Tour is a day-long Wassail Punch at Handy's Tavern (152 Front Street) and professional decor around the "By the Sea" theme done by Cathy Jones. The Sugar Plum Tea will also be held at St. Gabriel's Church (124 Front Street) from 1:30 to 4:30.

Tickets are \$12.50 prior to Tour Day and \$16 on December 9. Pre-tour tickets may be purchased at the Marion General Store, Sitting Duck, Bookstall, and Sippican Hardware in Marion; McGovern's Good Earth, Route 6 in Fairhaven, and Opulent Owl at the Ropewalk Mall in Mattapoisett. All profits from the House Tour go to scholarships. Last year, the Sippican Woman's Club gave \$8,000 to fund education opportunities for area youth and adults.

The Marion Garden Discussion Group will also be holding their Annual Boutique on the same day (Saturday, December 9) in the Marion Music Hall on Front Street from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

FORM Meeting

The next meeting of FORM (Friends of Old Rochester Music), the parent group supporting the music program at Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High Schools, will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm in the Teacher's Lunch Room at the high school. Please note that this is a change from the first Tuesday in December due to the Senior and Junior High School Holiday

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Mattapoisett Tree Lighting

All are invited to attend and participate in the Eighteenth Annual Christmas Tree Lighting to be held at Shipyard Park on Wednesday, December 6, 2000. Festivites begin at 6:30 pm followed by the arrival of Mr. and Ms. Santa Claus and their elves. Music and refreshments will be provided for all to enjoy. The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen welcomes everyone and

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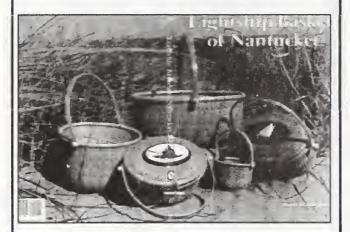
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#### **ORR Alumni Association**

The next meeting of the Old Rochester Regional Alumni Association will be held on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the teacher's lounge at ORR. Elections will be held for offices. All alumni are asked to attend and participate in the election. (Recounts *will* be allowed in races deemed "too close to call.") See you there!

#### Mattapoisett Buttons/Stickers

The 2001 Mattapoisett Shellfish Buttons go on sale at the Selectmen's Office as of Friday, December 1, 2000 for a fee of \$25. All persons holding shellfish buttons numbers 1 to 50 must pick them up prior to February 1, 2001 or forfeiture of their license will result.

The 2001 Beach/Wharf Stickers will also be available for sale in the Selectmen's Office as of Friday, December 1, 2000 for a fee of \$5 each. Seniors over the age of 65 are eligible for FREE beach/wharf stickers and over 70 for FREE shellfish licenses.



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Marion Holiday Bazaar

The Community Baptist Church will present its First Annual Holiday Bazaar at 441 Front Street (Route 105) in Marion on Saturday, November 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Many holiday craft items, food, baked goods, and much more will be available! Anyone interested in renting table space should contact Sandra at 763-3761 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Ten-foot tables are available at \$20 per space (please bring your own table).

#### Santa Breakfast in Fairhaven

Come join Santa for breakfast on Sunday, December 10, 2000 at Saint Joseph's School, 100 Spring Street in Fairhaven. Breakfast will be served starting at 9:00 am until 12:30 pm. Breakfast will include scrambled eggs or pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. There will be a coloring contest that the children can enter and holiday videos will be playing throughout the morning. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$3, however if you bring a non-perishable food item the picture will only



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Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased at the school now through December 8. All proceeds for this breakfast will benefit the Saint Joseph's School Playground Fund. For tickets or more information, please call the school at 996-1983.

#### Mattapoisett Congregational Christmas

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church invites everyone to its Christmas Eve Services on Sunday, December 24. The Reverend Robert Spalding, Interim Minister, will conduct both services, the first at 5:30 pm, a Family Service that includes college students and anyone who has returned home for the holidays. At 10:00 pm, there will be a Candlelight Service at which the Senior Choir will perform anthems and lead the carol-singing. Both services will last between three-quarters to one hour. Casual attire is recommended.

#### School Regionalization

The public is invited to hear a progress report from the Tri-Town League of Women Voters (LWV) Study Committee which is researching the effects of fully regionalizing local schools, Pre-K through Grade 6. The committee will meet on Wednesday, November 29 at 9:15 am in the first floor Conference Room of the Mattapoisett Town Hall. Questions and comments will be welcome.

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Candy Cane Fair

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will be hosting its fourth annual Children's Candy Cane Fair on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at St. Anthony's Church Hall in Mattapoisett. Admission is FREE. Santa is expected to arrive from the North Pole with gifts at 2:00 pm. Kids will enjoy winning prizes at the numerous games and amusements supervised by Lions Club members. Also, refreshments will be served to the children.

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#### Mattapoisett Council on Aging

Center Closed

The Senior Center will be closed on November 23 and November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Fuel Assistance

Fuel Assistance applications are now in. You need to set up an appointment to fill this out. There is a list of documents you need to bring with you. This list is available at the Mattapoisett Senior Center (758-4110). *Mattapoisett Tree Lighting* 

The annual Mattapoisett Tree Lighting will be held at the gazebo in Shipyard Park on Wednesday, December 6. The senior bus will be transporting people to the event, so be sure to sign up early.

Friends Party

The Friends of the Elderly Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 19. Tickets for this event are available at the Senior Center.

Edaville Railroad

A trip to Edaville Railroad is tentatively planned of for December. The cost is \$10.50. The money must be in by November 30. Please call to sign up as soon as possible. A full bus is needed to attend.

SHINE Counselor

SHINE Counselor is available on Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to assist with any questions about health insurance. You do not need an appointment.

The SHINE Counselor will NOT be available on December 4 or December 11.

Mall Trips

There will be a trip to the Independence Mall on December 7 at 9:30 am and the Dartmouth Mall on December 14 at 9:30 am. This is the last mall trip before Christmas!

Podiatrist

Dr. Crowe will be at Village Court on Monday, December 18. Please call the Mattapoisett Senior Center to sign up for an appointment.

Tri-County Concert

The Tri-County Concert will be held on December 17. Tickets are available at the Senior Center. The concert will be held in the auditorium of UMass Dartmouth. *Walking Club* 

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On Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the "Ye Olde Brick Church Faire" will be held featuring crafts, music, food and fun. The event will feature outside crafters, a luncheon, baked goods, cookies and cheese, and strolling carolers throughout the center. For more information or tickets, please call 993-3368.

Our Lady's Haven, set in what was once the Tabitha Inn and built by Henry Huttleston Rogers, will also celebrate Fairhaven's third annual Very Victorian Holiday on Saturday, December 9 with a variety of special events that are guaranteed to spark your holiday spirit.

From 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, the home will host an "Olde Tyme Faire" in their auditorium (please enter on the Laurel Street side). The Faire will include a Roll-Up Raffle, Tabitha's Attic featuring "pre-loved" items, Abbie's Auction (Chinese Auction) for adults and children, baked goods, teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, arts and crafts. A light lunch and desserts will be available. Hetty Green, listed at number 36 and the only woman on the "Ranking of the 40 Richest Americans of All Time" will tell the story of how she became "The Witch of Wall Street." See and hear Hetty between the hours of 11:30 am and 12:45 pm at the Faire.

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Memorial Luminaria are also on sale for anyone wishing to light a candle in memory of a loved one who has passed away or in honor of a relative or friend. A ceremony, hosted by the Fairhaven High School

Cheerleaders, will be held at 4:45 pm on Saturday. The luminaria, traditional Mexican Christmas lanterns, are available at Our Lady's Haven.

For additional information, please contact Anne Fenton, Director of Volunteers and Community Development, at Our Lady's Haven (999-4561).

#### **ORR High School Drama**

The Old Rochester Regional High School Drama Club will present "Brighton Beach Memoirs" by Neil Simon on Thursday, November 30 at 8:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at 8:00 pm; and on Sunday, December 3 at 2:00 pm in the Gilbert D. Bristol

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Eugene Jerome, played by Kevin Hart, is a fifteenyear-old growing up in a New York neighborhood in the late 1930s, eager for life's new experiences but finding awkward and predictable moments along the way. Eugene lives with his parents, played by Genevieve Wheeler and Sean Joerg; his older brother Stanley, played by Adam Silva; his widowed Aunt Blanche, played by Hilary Visinho; and his cousins Nora and Laurie, played by Michaela Chaplain and Laura Sommo. This household has its ups and downs, which are touching and hilarious, extremely realistic and enormously funny. The play is directed by Paul Sardinha.

Come and enjoy the show on stage at Old Rochester Regional High School November 30, December 1, 2 and 3. Tickets are now on sale at the Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppe in Mattapoisett, Lloyd's Market and Plumb Corner Market in Rochester, and the General Store in Marion. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. Tickets for adults are \$8, and for students and senior citizens, \$6. For additional information, or to inquire about group discounts, please call 758-6198.

#### Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Big plans are underway for the Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 14 at 12:00 noon in Reynard Hall of the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. Entertainment, in verse and song, by the Woman's Club members will be provided. Members are reminded to bring baked Christmas items to benefit "Hearts and Hands."

Kudos to Alice Williams and Peg Reed and their Tea Committee for the November meeting.

The Garden Group will be decorating the town with greens, including the Post Office, Town Hall, Historical Society, and the Library.

The Fine Arts Group, with Helen Damon, will attend the New Bedford Art Museum on December 7 for its first "Art Tour and Tea."

#### Plumb Memorial Library

Trustee Vacancy

The Board of Trustees of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester announced that there is a vacancy on the board due to the death of one of their members. They invite anyone interested in filling this position until the next election to join them at their meeting on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 or send in a letter of interest prior to the meeting.

The board also announced that the preliminary plans for the Plumb Library expansion project are now on display at the library. The board will be holding public forums on the expansion project within the next few months. Anyone wishing to get a "sneak preview" of the

plans may stop in during regular library hours. Journal Volume 3

Rochester Journal Volume 3 is in the works! Submissions are being taken through the end of the year. Don't miss this opportunity to share your unique vision and memories of the Town of Rochester and her citizens. Entries can include (but are not limited to) essays, poems, biographical sketches, stories, photographs, artwork, and recipes. If you can't write or draw, but have memories to share, why not sit down with a family member and a tape recorder and record your memories while you talk? The library will transcribe the tape to paper for you. They would also be interested in old newspaper clippings or magazine articles about the town. They would like to receive all submissions by the end of December and they welcome entries from adults, young adults, and children. Children's Book Raffle

A Children's Book Raffle to benefit the Friends of the Plumb Memorial Library in Rochester is now taking place. Enter to win a collection of four children's books (appropriate for children ages 1 to 5). Tickets are \$2 per chance, or 3 for \$5 and are available at the library, 17 Constitution Way. The books are a \$40 value and the raffle deadline is November 30. All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Plumb Library and go towards the Library Building Fund.



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Proceeds will be sent to Heifer Project International (HPI), an organization that works for the dignity and well-being of all people by supplying training and appropriate livestock for the local economy. More information about HPI's programs and sponsorship opportunities will be available during the fundraiser.

#### Friends of the Elderly

Christmas Party

Reminder: The Annual Christmas Party for the Mattapoisett Seniors will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at the Mattapoisett Senior Center at 12:00 noon. The party is FREE, but you must call Cynthia at the Mattapoisett Senior Center for tickets. Cut-off date is December 15.

Dine-Out Books

Dinner for Two Dine-Out gift books are being sold by the Mattapoisett Friends of the Elderly again this year. The Friends are selling them hoping to raise money for many things they want to do for the Mattapoisett seniors. The book has coupons from various area restaurants with which you buy one dinner and get the second one free. Most of the coupons are valid Sunday through Friday. The price is still the same at \$29.95 and they can now be obtained at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You may also call 758-9780 for delivery.

Sippican Seniors Party

The Sippican Seniors will hold their Christmas Party on Friday, December 8 at the Seaport Inn in Fairhaven with a Social Hour beginning at 11:30 am and Dinner being served at 12:30 pm. Cost is \$13 per person and the meal will consist of a choice of scrod or turkey. Tickets are available at Sippican Seniors meetings or by calling Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467. Tickets must be purchased by December 4.

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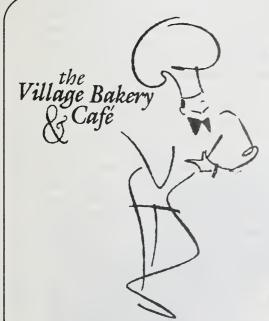
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original artwork produced by the students of the Peer Leadership group. The cards are festive and non-denominational, therefore appropriate for any religion. The cards were printed by the school's Offset Printing department and the cost will be \$10 per dozen or 25 cards for \$20. Cards may be pre-ordered by calling Audrey Clark at 763-8011, extension 163.

The Hearts and Hands group, located in Mattapoisett, is an organization that helps families with critically or terminally ill children. All proceeds from this fund-raiser will go directly to Hearts and Hands. MCAS Parents Night

Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School will host an informational session to discuss with parents the MCAS Testing at their Annual Parents Night. The session will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. All parents of Old Colony students are welcome to attend the session. However, only students in Grades 9 and 11 will receive test results. Should parents or guardians have any questions concerning the MCAS Testing, they may contact Mr. Gary Brown, Assistant Director-Superintendent, at 763-8011, extension 118.

Leisure Learning

Would you like to teach? If you have a great course idea and lots of enthusiasm, the Leisure Learning Program would love to hear from you. The Leisure Learning Program includes a variety of enrichment classes for adults conducted weekday evenings at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School in Rochester. Leisure Learning instructors come from all walks of life, and each is a specialist in his/her field.

Prospective instructors should mail in a class proposal and cover letter addressed to: Mr. William Vincent; Leisure Learning Coordinator; Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School; 476 North Avenue; Rochester, MA 02770.

Most courses run for six consecutive weeks, one three-hour session per week. Course offerings are subject to sufficient enrollment. Questions concerning Leisure Learning can be answered by calling William Vincent during regular school hours at 763-8011, extension 178.

#### Mattapoisett Republican Committee

The Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will meet in the Town Hall at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 5. Pending applications for membership on the committee will be acted upon at that time. The committee will critique its efforts during the past election and discuss future plans. All interested Republicans are invited to attend.

#### Nemasket Holiday Bazaar

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# MOVIE REVIEW

Grim Grinch

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Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Starring Jim Carrey and Taylor Momsen, Directed by Ron Howard. Running time: 102 minutes, MPAA rating: PG. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

You don't have to have a heart two sizes too small to recoil from the new live-action version of How the Grinch Stole Christmas. What began life as a brief, elegant little work by the children's-book master Dr. Seuss

- and went on, nine years after its publication, to become a beloved Dr. Seuss/Chuck Jones TV perennial - is now a jumbled mess, art-directed to within an inch of its life, a folly to put alongside previous Christmas turkeys like Hook and Santa Claus: The Movie. Not since Battlefield Earth (admittedly, a much worse film) have so much effort and design gone into something so ... tacky.

Boris Karloff narrated the 1966 cartoon, so it must have made sense to hire another movie boogeyman, Anthony Hopkins, to preside over the new film. Sounding remote and bored, Hopkins tells us about a place — Whoville — that exists inside a snowflake, and thanks to computer animation, we zoom right into that snowflake and into a panoramic view of Whoville in one unbroken shot, like a vision of smallness and largeness all at once. This should feel thrilling and magical, but, like so much else in the film, it's so slick and artificial that you respond to it as a jaded connoisseur of special effects. (It's also, of late, an overdone effect - it's basically the kiddie-flick version of the opening shot of Fight Club.)

We skim over the Whos of Whoville; they include vibrant actors like Molly Shannon, Jeffrey Tambor, and Christine Baranski, smothered in pug-nose latex that throws their faces out of whack, like Jack Nicholson's fake shnoz in Hoffa. One of them, a little girl named Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen), is uncomfortable with the rampant consumerism of Whoville and also can't understand why everyone in town is terrified of one figure — a hermit living on a mountaintop on the outskirts of Whoville, called the Grinch, who hates Christmas, Whoville, and Who-manity in general. Given the obnoxiousness of the shop aholic Whos, I can't blame him.

Unless you've been living on a mountaintop yourself, you've heard that Jim Carrey plays the



Grinch — "a role he was born to play," we've been assured. I'm not so sure. Carrey gives it his all, and beneath Rick Baker's supple make-up he manages to project his personality. That's the problem. How the Grinch Stole Christmas unavoidably becomes a Jim Carrey vehicle, a cluttered stage upon which he can prance, pout, preen, and gnaw large holes through the scenery, inexhaustible and, finally, exhausting. He's an ingenious comic actor - I though the was robbed of an Oscar for Man on the Moon - but Carrey, with the help of an

overexplicit script by Jeffrey Price and Peter S. Seaman (Who Framed Roger Rabbit?), gives the Grinch a neurotic, nobody-loves-me pathos that doesn't quite fit. The Grinch shouldn't have issues, for God's sake — he's just the Grinch, a Seussian Scrooge who's just mean because ... well, as Seuss said. "No one quite knows the reason."

We findout the reason, all right; in flashbacks, we see poor little Grinch as a misfit child, ignored by the girl he loves. And Cindy Lou Who is certain the Grinch could learn to be kind if kindness were only shown to him. So we get an awkward sequence in which the Grinch is elected the town's Cheermeister, which, like most of the scenes, has no beginning or end; it just arrives, putters around, and peters out. (The new subplots tacked onto Seuss' original, far simpler tale add nothing but flab.) This is not director Ron Howard's finest hour, he seems so in awe of the elaborate sets and the elaborate stylings of his star that he hardly bothers to shape the scenes — he must have figured Carrey and the set design would do his work for him.

Well, they did, and not to the movie's benefit. How the Grinch Stole Christmas is a garish rummage sale, in which Hollywood's great Tasmanian Devil Jim Carrey must suffer the ultimate indignity: not the painful latex, not the crude slapstick, but the plot that requires him to learn to feel. If he isn't careful he'll turn into Robin Williams, who has gotten in touch with his emotions in so many movies that his emotions should really slap a restraining order on him.

Comedians used to want to play Hamlet; now they want to be therapists. And the movie's moral (Christmas is about more than presents) would mean more if we didn't know that store shelves will be packed with Grinch merchandise from now till December 26.

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Rugrats in Paris (G) - Fri-Sun: 10:30, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 8:40; Mon-Thu: 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:50, 8:40

The Grinch (PG) - Fri-Sun: 10:00, 12:15, 2:40. 4:50, 7:25, 9:45; Mon-Thu: 12:15, 2:40, 4:50, 7:25, 9:45

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invited to join the Nemasket Group in celebrating the beginning of the Holiday Season from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on December 2. This year's bazaar features some of the finest crafts people in Southeastern Massachusetts, as well as a Chinese Auction, Bake Table, and Book Room. Delicious lunches and baked goods will be available throughout the day.

The Holiday Bazaar is a place to find affordable, one-of-a-kind gifts of extraordinary quality for children, friends, and family members along with everything you'll need to deck the halls in style. Set up throughout the Nemasket Gallery will be exhibitors featuring baskets, bird houses, ceramics, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, wreaths, dried floral arrangements, angels, wood carvings, and stained glass. Shoppers can plan their visit to the bazaar to include a delicious home-cooked lunch. Choices include: chowder and stuffed quahogs, French meat pies, caçoila sandwiches, hot dogs and baked beans, and homemade pies.

Proceeds from Nemasket Gallery's Holiday Bazaar directly benefit individuals and families served by the Nemasket Group and Family Connections Project. The Tenth Annual Nemasket Group Holiday Bazaar opens its doors on Saturday, December 2 at 9:00 am. There is no charge for admission and free parking is available in the Nemasket Group parking lot adjacent to the gallery at 56 Bridge Street, corner of Bridge and Green Streets in Fairhaven. For more information, please call 999-4436.



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# Regional Lunch Menus



ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL Monday, November 27 - Chicken patty on a bun, grilled

cheese, rice, corn, fresh fruit,

Tuesday, November 28 - Fish sandwich, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit,

Wednesday, November 29 -Macaroni and cheese, diced ham, turkey sandwich, green beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, November 30 - Hot dog on a roll, harn sandwich, potato puffs, com, fresh fruit, milk.

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, November 27 -Minestrone soup, stuffed cabbage with tomato, mashed potato with chives, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, November 28 -Turkey fincasse, garlic mashed potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread, fruit in light syrup. Wednesday, November 29 –

Chicken breast picatta, rice florentine, zucchini and summer squash, Parker House roll, birthday cake, graham wafer. Thursday, November 30 – Shepherd's pie, waxed beans, multi-grain roll, vanilla pudding, fresh fruit.

Friday, December 1 – Veal marcala, rotini, tarragon carrots, Vienna bread, fruit in light syrup.

CENTER SCHOOL
MATTAPOISETT

Monday, November 27 Chicken patty in a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 28 - Hot dog on a roll, turkey pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, November 29 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, November 30 -Ham and cheese croissant, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 1 - Stuffed crust cheese pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, November 27 - Meatball sub, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, Steak Um and cheese sub, shoestring fries, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping. Tuesday, November 28 - Chicken breast patty club, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, tuna sub, bag of Fritos, carrot sticks, apple, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, November 29 -Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein noodles, seasoned rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, apple pie. Thursday, November 30 — Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, hot pastrami grinder, Spanish rice, com niblets, chilled peaches, baked custard with

Friday, December 1 - Italian spice pizza, cheese pizza, scrambled eggs, cinnamon bun, shaved turkey club, Ore Ida Smiles potatóes, chilled pears, strawberries with topping.

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL Monday, November 27 - Stuffed

shells with sauces, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, double grilled cheese, hamburger/ cheeseburger, tossed salad, green beans, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, November 28 Meatball grinder, grate Meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, vegetable wrap with grated mozzarella, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate chio cookie.

Wednesday, November 29 -Chicken nuggets with sauces, mac nib sub, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, com niblets, mixed fruit, apple pie.

Thursday, November 30 -Stuffed crust pizza, hot pastrami grinder, Italian grinder, grilled chicken club, tossed salad, shoestring fries, chilled apricots, baked custard with topping.

Friday, December 1 - Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella and garlic bread, grilled ham and cheese, seafood salad pocket, tossed salad, potato wedges, chilled pears, strawbernes with topping.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL - FAIRHAVEN Monday, November 27 - Meatball sub, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, Steak'Um and cheese sub, shoestring fries,

baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping. Tuesday, November 28 – Baked lasagna with garlic bread, grilled chicken club, hamburger/ cheeseburger, chicken salad sub, bag of Fritos, carrot sticks, apple, chocolate chip cookie.

Wednesday, November 29 -Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, chicken chow mein noodles, seasoned rice, green beans, chilled pineapple, apple pie. Thursday, November 30 - Taco boat with all the fixings, grilled cheese, hot pastrami grinder, Spanish rice, com niblets, chilled peaches, baked custard with

topping. Friday, December 1 - Stuffed crust pizza, scrambled eggs, cinnamon bun, shaved turkey club, double order of potato puffs, chilled pears, strawberries with topping.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, November 27 - Chicken patty in a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk. *Tuesday, November 28* – Hot dog on a roll, turkey pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, fruit, dessert,

Wednesday, November 29 -American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit, dessert, milk. Thursday, November 30 - Ham and cheese croissant, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, pickles, fruit, dessert, mik.

Friday, December 1 - Stuffed crust cheese pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, November 27 - Cheeseburger, harn and cheese wrap, French fries, com, chilled

Tuesday, November 28 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, applesauce, bread, cookie.

Wednesday, November 29 – Bacon burger, chicken patty, potato puffs, mixed vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake.

Thursday, November 30 - Fruit juice, American chop suey, green beans, roll, spice cake.

Friday, December 1 - Vegetable soup, pepperoni pizza, potato chips, crackers, peas, assorted dessert.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL - MATTAPOISETT

Monday, November 27 – Chicken petty in a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 28 - Hot dog on a roll, turkey pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, November 29 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit. dessert, milk.

dessert, milk.

Thursday, November 30 –
Ham and cheese croissant,
Steak'Um, oven fries, soup,
pickles, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, December 1 – Stuffed
crust cheese pizza, tossed
salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, November 27 -French toast, warm apple slices, tuna roll, chicken fritters, hash browns, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, November 28 — Soup, chicken tenders, grilled ham and cheese, BBQ ribs, mached potate grown commenced.

mashed potato, gravy, com, applesauce, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, November 29 -Soup, spaghetti with meatsauce, Italian sub, chicken patty, garlic bread, green beans, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, November 30 -Soup, beef taco with lettuce and tomato, meatball sub, steak with cheese sub, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, November 27 -Chicken patty in a roll, tuna roll, oven fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, November 28 - Hot dog on a roll, turkey pocket, potato puffs, baked beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, November 29 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken fillet sandwich, lettuce, tomato, soup, fruit,

dessert, milk.

Thursday, November 30 Ham and cheese croissant, Steak'Um, oven fries, soup, pickles, fruit, dessert, milk. Friday, December 1 – Stuffed crust cheese pizza, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

#### Friends of Mattapoisett Library

The Mattapoisett Library is now a Yankee Magazine Community Partner — a fund-raising program for New England non-profit organizations. With Yankee Magazine's New Voices Competition, which seeks to discover new writers, the Mattapoisett Library will again benefit financially while promoting the written word.

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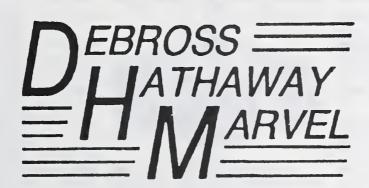
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# INNERVIEWS

# **Checking It Twice**

BY KENNETH J. SOUZA MOVIES@WANDERER.COM

Thanksgiving. For some of us, it means nothing more than a rare excuse to sit down and enjoy a home-cooked meal with family and friends. Maybe watching that traditional Macy's Day Parade with giant Bullwinkle floats or catching one of several football games on TV after the turkey overdose kicks in. Or take a nap.

But it wasn't always this way ... wasn't always this pleasant.

Having once worked for a short stint in retail, I know what Thanksgiving *really* means.

It's like watching the beginning of the Boston Marathon, with runners all huddled in one big mass at the starting line, waiting for the gun to go off. Only the runners are mad holiday shoppers and the only line is the one forming outside the first store eager to open their doors at the crack of dawn on the Friday after Thanksgiving. I wouldn't be surprised if shoppers were out there this year at 4:00 in the morning, credit cards and sales flyers in hand.

Not to put a depressing damper on the pending holiday season, but when exactly did the never-ending American quest for "stuff" take over our collective lives and turn the holiday season into retail madness?

Granted, it's not a new or particularly earth-shattering observation—people have bemoaned the commercialization of every holiday of late. But with Christmas, it seems just a little more ... inappropriate. Even though we're taught that the "Holiday Season" isn't about "getting gifts," we still blindly drive to the nearest mall as if on auto-pilot at least a couple of times between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve (some of us being even foolish enough to wait until Christmas Eve)

and attempt a half-hearted shopping spree. (If you're like me, you usually buy something for yourself, too. Not out of selfish reasons, but to justify battling the mall mobs and prove that you're not simply "Christmas shopping.")

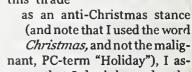
I guess the real problemlies in the fact that although nearly everyone agrees that it's a "shame" and commercialism has, indeed, grabbed what used to be an idealistic holiday by the throat and continues to throttle it

within an inch of its life, no one really seems interested or motivated to *do* anything about it. And we're all guilty of this lethargy.

I confess to it as well - every year I vow to forego the usual (and sometimes needlessly extravagant) gift-exchange and set my mind to not line the pockets of Hallmark executives by purchasing crates of generic Christmas cards ... or stock up on the latest media-fueled toy craze to appease the immediate but soon-fading whims of children. And yet, despite my determination, an urge wells up some time after Thanksgiving which gnaws at me. I see visions of an atypically pleasant Darth Vader peering over my shoulder with Santa hat and fake beard glued over his robotic face, leering in that

James Earl Jones voice: "Give in to the Yule tide, Luke. It is your destiny!"





sure you that I don't begrudge the season or anyone's enthusiasm for it. I just wish that there was a way for our culture to practice what we preach and realize that there's something inherently wrong with this whole "buy, buy, buy" mentality which infects us during the month of December.

I think we're all in agreement that it isn't necessarily the value of the gift itself, or what it costs — it's the thought that counts, to quote an overused cliché. But how many of us truly stop and ponder over the meaning of that phrase? Would we be any less pleased with nothing more than a friendly greeting of "Happy Holidays" from a good friend? Or getting a chance to spend some uninterrupted quality time with our families?

I know it's too late to change what has certainly become a deeply-embedded tradition in our society, but it warrants reflection in terms of what we're teaching our future generation to value. Maybe instead of spending all that time and energy on tracking down this year's version of Furby, we might try to express our affection and appreciation for others in ways that aren't marketed, manufactured, packaged, and sold by people whose sole religion is topping last year's sales record.

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#### Marion Natural History Museum

Holiday Open House

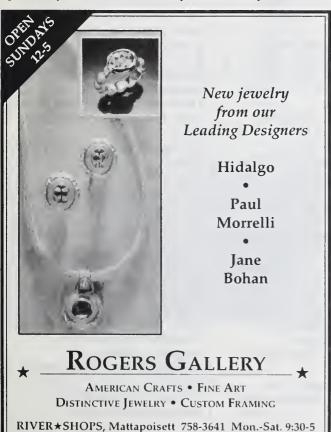
• Friday, December 15 - The Holiday Open House: Kids and their parents are invited to a costumed holiday story-telling. They'll be working on projects and snacking on refreshments during the annual holiday event. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the museum. This is a FREE program, so please join them!

For more information about any programs at the Marion Natural History Museum, please call (508) 748-2098.

#### Fairhaven Holiday Tour

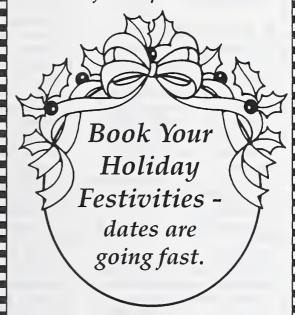
Again, the Annual Holiday House Tour, under the sponsorship of the Fairhaven Historical Society and the Fairhaven Colonial Club, will take place on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. As in the past, the tour will feature a variety of houses in a variety of locations, from historic Poverty Point and north Main Street to a location on Fort Street. The seven houses will vary from one that is brand new to others which are old and historic.

In addition, the historic Academy Building will be open. They will all be beautifully decorated by their





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#### **■ MARION**

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 12 through November 18, 2000:

- Front Street suspicious person
- Point Road officer wanted
- Cedar Lane animal complaint
- Allen Street parking violation
- Mill Street motor vehicle complaint
- Wareham Road officer wanted
- Wareham Road annoying phone calls
- Pleasant Street assist police
- Mill Street animal complaint
- Spring Street vandalism/past
- Mill Street motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Point Road motor vehicle complaint
- Front Street parking violation
- Point Road larceny/past
- Front Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Mill Street animal complaint
- Front Street motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Route 195 West assist other police department
- Shell Heap Road animal complaint
- Front Street motor vehicle complaint
- Spring Street parking violation
- Pleasant Street parking violation
- Front Street suspicious activity
- Front Street adult arrests (4): trespassing
- · Converse Road animal complaint
- · Washburn Park Road suspicious motor vehicle

- Pitcher Street animal complaint
- Water Street fire alarm.

#### ■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 11 through November 18, 2000:

- Church Street rabid skunk reported
- Acushnet Road dead blue jay on property
- Silver Shell Avenue water inside house, possible broken pipe line
- Fairhaven Road motor vehicle accident
- Long Plain Road motor vehicle violation
- Acushnet Road harassment complaint
- Lils Way possible drunk driver
- Crestfield Street suspicious person
- North Street car hit a deer
- Fairhaven Road suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road past larceny
- Acushnet Road loose dog
- Marion Road lost cell phone
- Driscoll Lane serve protective order
- Park Street suspicious motor vehicle
- Water Street loose dog
- County Road lost cell phone
- County Road suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street officer requested for hearing
- Marion Road adult arrest (trial warrant)
- Route 195 West party sleeping in car
- Fairhaven Road wire in road
- North Street son hit deer in road
- County Road mutual aid for motor vehicle accident
- Fairhaven Road trash cans in
- · County Road hit and run
- County Road returned property
- Fairhaven Road motor vehicle

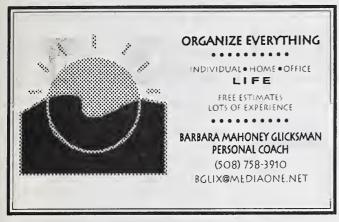
accident

- New Bedford Road mutual aid in Rochester
- County Road motor vehicle violation
- North Street found lost dog
- Route 195 West motor vehicle accident
- County Road returned property
- County Road possible intoxicated person
- Fairhaven Road adult arrest (default warrant)
- Fairhaven Road disturbance/ loud party.

#### ■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of November 14 through November 20, 2000:

- Mary's Pond Road animal control matter
- New Bedford Road lost dog
- Wordell Street animal control
- Vaughan Hill Road animal complaint
- Mary's Pond Road domestic disturbance
- New Bedford Road car hit deer
- Snipatuit Road animal complaint
- Braley Hill Road animal control matter
- North Avenue car hit deer
- Neck Road gunshots reported
- Route 105 suspicious motor
- Robinson Road motor vehicle accident
- South Street/Middleboro highway matter
- Route 195 suspicious motor vehicle
- Alley Road suspicious person
- Adrian's Package Store suspicious activity
- Deerfield Lane motor vehicle hit deer
- Adrian's Package Store disabled motor vehicle.



proud owners in honor of the holiday season and will surely be a feast for the eyes. Interestingly enough, four of the householders have been residents of Fairhaven for only a little more than a year but have entered into the holiday spirit with enthusiasm and a willing desire to participate in the event which initiates Fairhaven's holiday season.

The tour will begin at the historic Academy Building at the northeast corner of Huttleston Avenue and Main Street. Tour tickets will be redeemed there for a map showing the locations of the houses and a brochure describing them in detail. These will be attendees' badge of admission to the houses.

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#### This Week's Horoscope

by Linda Black

Aries (March 21-April 19). The workload is heavy, but the party flag is flying soon. Your luck has just changed for the better.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Get your lovin' in early. The work pace picks up, and you'll be racing at full speed with all the other rats. Avoid an attractive distraction.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Detailed work flows, so push yourself to get it all done. There's a messup regarding a romantic appointment, but you're in for a pleasant surprise.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Remember to do the errands you promised, and you'll be nicely rewarded. You'd like to sleep in, but your partner and/or your boss have other plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Shop for bargains on household items as much as you can. You might find the perfect thing at a great price on your lunch hour.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're apt to be the one who finds the answer. Keep digging, your chances are better than anyone else's. Financial rewards could be yours.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You could be faced with a load of overdue chores. Don't panic, just take them one at a time. Put them in order of importance.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A friend can help you make an important connection. Go ahead and ask for the favor. Knowing which button to push helps you find the resources you need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't snap back at a critical older person. If you simply say, "Yes, SIR!" or ma'am, whichever the case may be, you'll increase your profits instead of losing your job.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Looks like the coast is clear if you want to try something slightly dangerous. Your friends will be glad to help, so you won't be alone.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you have all the facts and figures, you could benefit quite nicely. Don't leave anything to chance. Travel's appealing, but not a good idea.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Your partner's got all the angles figured out, so just go along with the program. A long-distance contact could lead to a better job.

and now housing the Museum of Fairhaven History and the offices of the Fairhaven Historical Society, which will be decorated for the holiday by members of the Garden Club of Greater New Bedford. To add to the holiday spirit, members of the Fairhaven Public School Choruses, under the direction of Ms. Doreen Nelsen, will be rendering Christmas carols during the first hour. Doors to the Academy will open at 12:45 pm so that attendees may pick up their maps and brochures and head, from this central location, either north or south, from whichever direction they choose to start their tour.

Tickets for the Sunday, December 3 Annual Holiday House Tour are now on sale at the Millicent Library, 45 Centre Street in Fairhaven, and the Euro-Phoenix Hall, 24 Centre Street in Fairhaven, at \$10 in advance or at the Academy Building for \$12 on the day of the tour.

#### Fin, Fur and Feather Club

Trap Shooting for the Fin, Fur and Feather Club, 35 Crystal Spring Road in Mattapoisett, will take place on Sunday, 1:00 to 4:00 pm and Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon (weather-permitting). Price is \$2.50 per round.

#### Coping with the Holidays

The holiday season with its memories, expectations, and traditions are difficult times to negotiate for the bereaved. A special program titled "Coping with the Holiday Season" will be sponsored by the Hospice of Community Nurse Association of Fairhaven on Wednesday from November 29 through January 3 (no meeting on December 27) from 6:00 to 7:00 pm at their office located at 62 Center Street in Fairhaven. Through education, discussion and support, the group will help to get through this stressful time of year. For further information and to register, please contact Sue Vincent, LICSW, Bereavement Coordinator, at (508) 999-3400. Groups are open to the public and are free-of-charge (donations are accepted).

#### Mattapoisett Lions Club

Following is a schedule of upcoming events sponsored by the Mattapoisett Lions Club:

- December 9 Children's Candy Cane Fair at St. Anthony's Church, 1:00 to 3:00 pm;
- November 25-26 Mattapoisett Holiday Shoppes at Knights of Columbus, 11:00 am to 4:00 pm;
- January 20 Meat Pie Supper at the Congregational Church Hall, 5:00 to 7:30 pm;

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#### **LEGAL NOTICES**

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The owners of OldWood Road and Harbor Acres Lane will close these private roads to public traffic on December 1, 2000. William Ê. Mansfield Donald L. Mansfield Owners 11/23, 11/30

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The above may be viewed from December 4th through December 7th by contacting John Bowman, Town Mechanic, at the Mattapoisett Highway Barn on Mendall Road. Mr. Bowman can be contacted by calling (508) 758-4181.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves the right to reject any and all bids if it is deemed in the best interest of the town. Carol J. Adams, Chief Procurement Officer 11/23, 11/30

LEGAL NOTICE

Antassawamock Club, Inc. will close its private roads to public traffic on Wednesday, December 13, 2000. Signed: Board of Directors Antassawamock Club, Inc. Mary E. Coney, Secretary

TOWN OF ROCHESTER PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 7:30pm in the Rochester Town Hall Conference Room regarding a definitive subdivision plan "Wamsutta Lane" prepared for Laura Ribeiro. The property is located off Clapp Road.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Rochester Town Hall and may be reviewed during the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Firday. Robert Cummings, Chairman 11/23, 11/30

- March 3 Variety Show at ORR High School, 7:15 to 9:30 pm;
- April 29 Pancake Breakfast at the American Legion Hall, 8:00 to 11:00 am;
- May 19 Swing Dance with 18-Piece Band at the Knights of Columbus, 7:00 to 11:00 pm;
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#### **Tri-County Concerts**

The next concert in the series, the Holiday Concert, will take place in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, December 17 at 3:00 pm and the final concert will be a "Welcome to Spring" performance also in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth on Sunday, March 18, 2001. The annual Free Children's Concert will be given on Super Bowl Sunday at 3:00 pm, also at UMass Dartmouth. Mark your calendars now! You won't want to miss these events. For more information, please call Dr. Manuel C. Rosenfield at 758-4457 or Robert Coquillette at 758-4972.

#### Marion Council on Aging

Holiday Party

The COA has FREE tickets to the UMass Dartmouth Student Senate Holiday Party, to be held on Saturday, December 9 from 11:00 am to 4:30 pm. *Podiatry Clinic* 

The next Podiatry Clinic at the Marion Drop-In Center will be held on November 30. Appointments are needed and can be made by calling the COA at 748-3570. *Tri-County Music* 

The Marion Council on Aging has free tickets to the Tri-County Music Association's concert series. Tickets are available to "A Holiday Concert" on December 17 at the UMass Dartmouth Auditorium and "Welcome to the Spring" on March 18 at the UMass Dartmouth Auditorium. All concerts are on Sunday afternoon beginning at 3:00 pm.

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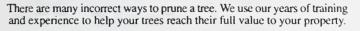
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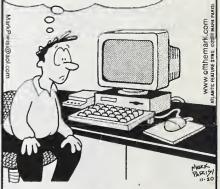
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- Clear brush and tall grass from around your house;
- Wear light-colored, long sleeves and long pants when outside. The light colors allow you to see the tick more easily. Tuck your pant legs into your socks so there are no gaps around the ankles;
- Use insect repellant on clothing and any exposed skin;
  - Inspect your body regularly.

Symptoms that may mark the early stages of Lyme disease are: fatigue, chills and fever, headache, muscle and joint pain, and swollen lymph nodes. Also, a characteristic bull's eye rash appearing 3 to 30 days after being infected may be present, however, not everyone will have all of these symptoms. If you have any of these symptoms, please consult a physician. Patients treated early recover rapidly and completely.

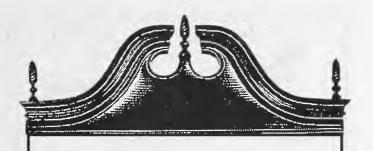
For more information about Lyme Disease, please check the World Wide Web at http://www.acponline.org/lyme/patient.

#### Mother of Twins Club

The Greater New Bedford Mother of Twins Club holds meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at the Mattapoisett Fire Station at 7:00 pm. All mothers of twins or multiples are welcome. Come join the group for support, advice, and establish friendships with mothers who have an understanding of how to raise multiples. Monthly speakers and extensive library are available. For more information, please contact Rose (992-4175) or Nancy (748-3205).

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Nov. 24:	Fri.	6:20	6:41		12:44		
Nov. 25:	Sat.	7:03	7:23	12:32	1:20		
Nov. 26:	Sun.	7:45	8:05	1:06	1:53		
Nov. 27:	Mon.	8:27	8:47	1:39	2:24		
Nov. 28:	Tues.	9:08	9:30	2:12	2:55		
Nov. 29:	Wed.	9:50	10:14	2:46	3:28		
Nov. 30:	Thurs.	10:34	11:01	3:22	4:03		
Dec. 1:	Fri.	11:21	11:52	4:02	4:42		
Dec. 2:	Sat.		12:11	4:46	5:27		
Dec. 3:	Sun.	12:46	1:05	5:38	6:18		
Dec. 4:	Mon.	1:42	2:01	6:37	7:14		
Dec. 5:	Tues.	2:37	2:56	7:44	8:13		
Dec. 6:	Wed.	3:29	3:48	8:52	9:10		
Dec. 7:	Thurs.	4:18	4:38	9:55	10:C4		
Dec. 8:	Fri.	5:06	5:27	10:51	10:55		
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